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<u>In Support of HB 935 / SB 637</u>: Health and Health Insurance – Behavioral Health - Expansion - Behavioral Health Systems Modernization Act

Members of the Maryland House of Delegate's Health and Govt Ops and Appropriations Committees.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1400 members and fully support modernizing the healthcare, and modernization of the delivery of behavior related care services all across Maryland.

This bill would be a huge help to families that need the most help caring for their loved ones struggling with behavioral health issues. This bill would help to provide the necessary services and health care options needed to truly modernize Maryland's Behavioral Healthcare Treatment System. While also increasing care options, and insurance plan reimbursement responsibilities. Helping to shoulder the financial burden being shouldered by so many Maryland families, negatively impacting their overall financial stability.

So many families are still hurting financially from long term health care and related economic costs and hardships. We all can use a helping hand from this type of legislation that helps to update an aging health care delivery model. Moving forward, we hope that the MGA will also work on other constructive ways of supporting our families of persons with behavioral challenges. This one great step forward in supporting our varied socio-economic communities of PAC's families and membership.

Let's continue to build on this effort to support Maryland families now, and well into the future of healthcare, and behavioral health treatment.

Please support House Bill 935 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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